

Sand Hill Golf Course Begun

Prairie Dunes Ready For Play This September

Definite plans for the construction of a 9-hole golf course in the sandhill region northeast of Hutchinson were announced today by Emerson Carey Jr., president of the Prairie Dunes Improvement Co.

The course, to be known as the Prairie Dunes club, is located four miles east of 30th and Main streets.

The site for the Prairie Dunes course was chosen by Perry D. Maxwell, of Ardmore, Okla., noted golf architect, who was highly elated with the topography of the sandhills for an ideal golf layout. Maxwell, builder of some of the country's swankiest links, declares the sandhills offer a terrain virtually identical to that along the sea shores of Scotland and England where the most famous golf courses in the world have been built.

To Water Fairways.

A decision to go ahead with the building of the 9-hole course was reached as a result of the keen enthusiasm and favorable reaction on the part of Hutchinson golfers who have been leaders in the sport for years.

"This enthusiasm and response on the part of the players convinced us there is a demand for a good golf course here," said Carey.

Already the Prairie Dunes Improvement Co., has awarded a contract to the M. M. Stevens Plumbing Co., for the installation of a fairway watering system, latest equipment for the modern golf course.

The fairways will be watered with what is known as a 1-man hoseless irrigation system, featuring outlets throughout the fairways where sprinklers may be attached.

Gold course builders have come to realize that watered fairways are highly essential in the scheme of things in this section of the country where blistering summer heat and winds annually parch and sear the grass. Transite and galvanized material will be used by the Stevens Co., in the installation of the irrigation system.

Bermuda grass will be planted in the fairways while Coos bent will adorn all of the nine greens.

To Have Club House.

While the Prairie Dunes course will be primarily for golf, a small club house will be erected, including lockers, showers and all modern conveniences, Carey said. Otho McCrackin, local architect, is preparing the club house plans.

Because of the fact it will be a 9-hole course, membership necessarily must be limited, Carey explained.

"It will be kept to a point where there will be no congestion on the course," he said.

Won't Close Carey Lake.

Already a number of golfers have sought memberships and those joining also will be entitled to the privileges of the Carey Lake course from April 1, 1937, until April 1, 1938, it was said. Also they will be privileged to memberships in the Prairie Dunes club

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Contrary to prevailing rumors, the Carey Lake course will operate as usual, Carey said.

The new course will be ready for play some time next September.

The Prairie Dunes Co., owns 480 acres of land in that vicinity and the golf course is being built on approximately 100 acres of it.

The unusual topography offered by the sandhills will make the Prairie Dunes course one of the most distinctive and unusual in the country, according to Maxwell.